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Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2008-0083 – Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") respectfully requests on behalf of the Parties¹ an extension from December 21, 2009 to January 5, 2010 to file opening briefs and from January 11, 2010 to January 26, 2010 to file reply briefs in this proceeding.

On November 24, 2009, the Commission issued a notice to the Parties that the official transcript of the October 26 - November 4, 2009 evidentiary hearings for this proceeding was filed with the Commission on November 23, 2009. The amended procedural schedule approved by the *Order Amending Stipulated Procedural Schedule* issued on January 21, 2009 specified that the Parties would file opening briefs four weeks after the issuance of transcripts (December 21, 2009) and file reply briefs three weeks after the filing of opening briefs (January 11, 2010). Since the issuance of the hearing transcripts, it has been necessary for the Parties to address numerous regulatory matters in various dockets, including but not limited to the following:

- Docket No. 2008-0274 – Hawaiian Electric's Motion for Interim Approval of a Decoupling Mechanism filed November 25, 2009; Consumer Advocate's Response to the Motion filed December 11, 2009.
- Docket No. 2008-0083 – Consumer Advocate's Comments on Hawaiian Electric's Motion for Second Interim Increase for CIP CT-1, filed December 1, 2009.

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The "Parties" in this proceeding are the Consumer Advocate, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric" or "Company") and the Department of Defense ("DOD").

- Docket Nos. 2009-0048 and 2009-0049 – Molokai Public Utilities Inc. and Wai'Ola O Moloka'i rate increase requests; Consumer Advocate's supplemental information requests, filed on December 7 and December 9, 2009, respectively.
- Docket No. 2009-0164 – Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.'s Application for a General Rate Increase for a 2010 Test Year, filed December 9, 2009.
- Docket No. 2009-0162 – Hawaiian Electric Reply Statement of Position and responses to information requests for the Big Wind proceeding, filed November 30, 2009.
- Docket Nos. 2009-0155 and 2009-0168 – Hawaiian Electric's and Maui Electric Company, Limited's rebuttal testimonies in the K3 and MECO Biofuel Test Project proceedings, filed December 2, 2009.
- Docket No. 2009-0346 – Hawaiian Electric's Application for Approval of a Second Amendment to Low Sulfur Fuel Oil Supply Contract between Hawaiian Electric and Chevron Products Company, filed December 8, 2009.
- Docket No. 2008-0273 – Reviewing and participating in the discussion related to the development of Feed-in Tariffs.

The requested extension of time will enable the Parties to devote the time necessary to analyze the record and address the many issues raised in this rate case in their opening and reply briefs.

Sincerely yours,



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